

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 919

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Donna Hargrove for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as president of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is attorney Donna Hargrove of Lewisburg, who was elected in 1998 to an eight-year term to serve the citizens of Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, and Moore counties as District Public Defender for the 17th Judicial District; she won reelection to that distinguished position in 2006 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, in her position as District Public Defender, Mrs. Hargrove oversees offices in Marshall, Lincoln, and Bedford counties with a staff that includes two legal secretaries, an office manager, an investigator, and nine attorneys; she takes pride in the hard work the entire staff puts forth in serving the citizens of their district; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a leader by her peers and colleagues, Donna Hargrove is currently serving as the president of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, having previously served as vice president and secretary-treasurer as well as a representative for the Middle District on the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hargrove is the principal executive officer responsible for supervising and directing the business and affairs of the Conference; she also assists the Conference in advising the General Assembly concerning legislation to improve the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as president of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, Donna Hargrove has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of David Lipscomb College and the Nashville School of Law, Mrs. Hargrove has rendered sterling service as a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Marshall County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hargrove evinces her devout religious faith as a member of the Church Street Church of Christ, where she and her husband teach Sunday school; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Donna Hargrove is most grateful for the love and support of her husband of more than thirty years, Joel Hargrove, and their children, David Hargrove and Jessica Hargrove; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Donna Hargrove has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench, and her community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Donna Hargrove for her meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee as president of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference 2017-2018 and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.